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CANADIANS READY TO BRING IT

Canada's Christine Sinclair celebrates her goal against Mexico during the second half of CONCACAF women's Olympic qualifying soccer at BC Place in Vancouver on Wednesday. Canada is taking an experienced women's soccer team to the London Olympics. A recent Ipsos Reid poll found a renewed sense of patriotism across the country — so does that mean more of us will be enthralled with this summer's Olympic Games? Story, page 3. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Painting the town red (and white)

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Where to go, what to see

So much to do on Canada Day

Saskatoon may not be the nation's capital, but the city will be buzzing on Canada's 145th birthday on Sunday.

Optimist Canada Day:

Saskatoon's Optimist Club will be hosting the city's official Canada Day celebrations in Diefenbaker Park. A pancake breakfast, music, face painting, rides, and a stock-car exhibit make up this day-long celebration. Grab your Canadian flag and head down to Diefenbaker Park to experience Canada Day Saskatoon-style.

The Roots and Mix Master Mike:

Music is always an attraction here and Canada Day is no exception.

The Roots will entertain 3,000-plus people at the Bessborough Gardens in the afternoon in the culmination of the Saskatchewan Jazz Festival, and Mix Master Mike of the Beastie Boys will DJ at Tequila Nightclub. The Roots show begins at 6 p.m., while doors for Mix Master Mike open at 8 p.m.

Fireworks:

A staple of the national holiday, fireworks demonstrations will take part in Diefenbaker Park at dusk as part of city's official celebration. Fireworks can also be seen at Dakota Dunes Casino and in Martensville and Warman.

Stroll through the City of Bridges:

Saskatoon's beautiful downtown river setting is a picturesque area to commemorate the Great White North. Walking across the Broadway Bridge into the city's downtown core provides an excellent vantage point to all the mayhem of Canada Day. See wakeboarders and Sea-Dooers riding the South Saskatchewan River below, hear the sounds of the Jazz Fest and witness celebrations happening on the city's riverbanks. METRO

Brianne Theisen of Humboldt jumps to place first in the high-jump as she competes in the heptathlon event at the Canadian Track and Field Championships in Calgary on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Showing our Canadian pride at 2012 Olympics

Athletic cheer.
Renewed patriotism surges as start of Summer Olympics nears

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A recent Ipsos Reid survey showed that Canadians see the Maple Leaf as the top symbol of pride for the True North, strong and free.

In fact, survey results highlight a renewed sense of extroverted patriotism across the country — something we can showcase at the 2012 Summer Olympics.

Bal Gosal, minister of state for sport, is urging all Canadians to come together and cheer on Team Canada at the Summer Games.

"Our athletes are not only high-performance heroes, but an enormous source of pride for all Canadians and outstanding role models for our youth," Gosal said.

Katherine Winstanley, a PhD student at McMaster University's school of political science and author of the paper Sport, (Middle)Power and Prestige: The Olympics and Canadian Identity, says Canadians typically don't express as much patriotism at the Summer Games as they do for the Winter Games.

"The Summer Olympics are much more focused on the individual athlete," said Winstanley. "The successes of individual athletes, like Donovan Bailey in '96, become the sort of stories that celebrate Canadian immigrants or multiculturalism."

Winstanley said the same kind of political narratives are told in reverse about failures.

She says the Own the Podium initiative represents a more concerted effort to get athletes to feel more like they are representing the country, and there is a specific kind of nationalism that is sold through the Olympics.

"I actually really love the Olympics," Winstanley chuckles, adding that she will watch as many events as she possibly can.

Quoted

"The Canadian Olympic team has an ambitious goal for London: 'Top 12 in 2012' and we know we have the best Summer Olympic team ever."

Dimitri Soudas, executive director communications, Canadian Olympic Committee

Support our athletes

Canadians can visit olympic.ca to learn how they can show their support for the athletes competing in London. You can also follow and connect with the team on Facebook at facebook.com/canadianolympicteam.

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On the web

Crowning 'Miss Holocaust Survivor'

Fourteen women who survived the horrors of the Second World War paraded in an unusual pageant on Thursday, vying for the honour of being crowned Israel's first "Miss Holocaust Survivor." Organizers have billed the pageant as a celebration of life, but the event also stirred controversy. Go to metronews.ca to read the full story.

Mobile news

Colin Hart admits the impression his anti-cheating wedding band leaves on the wearer's finger — "I Am Married" — lasts only about 15 minutes . But, he says, bar conversations don't usually last longer than that. Scan the code to find out how he and his wife are putting a twist on wedding rituals.

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Film industry

MLA wants to mark the end of film tax credit

As the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit winds up Saturday, Danielle Chartier, MLA for Saskatoon Riversdale and NDP critic for culture, suggested on Thursday that one item be added to the Saskatchewan time capsule.

Chartier asked that a second-season DVD of the show Corner Gas — on which there's an episode about a time capsule — be added to the vessel.

"The jobs Corner Gas created and investment it brought into Saskatchewan's economy were significant," Chartier said. "But I also think that the chance to tell our uniquely Saskatchewan stories and to show pride in our roots was priceless."

Three film companies have announced they're leaving Regina.

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Gone for two years

Mom to hold vigil for daughter

The mother of a missing Saskatoon woman will hold a candlelight vigil for her daughter, Karina Beth Ann Wolfe, on July 2, to mark the second anniversary of her disappearance.

At the same time, the Saskatoon Police Service issued another call for public help in finding the 22-year-old.

Wolfe is five-foot-seven, 110 pounds, with brown eyes and medium-length black hair that could be dyed. Anyone with information should call Saskatoon police at 975-8300. METRO

Private member's bill

Chiefs alarmed by proposed Indian Act changes

Chiefs at the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations assembly say they are insulted by MP Rob Clarke's proposal to change the Indian Act. Clarke outlined his private member's bill to those at the assembly in Nipawin, Sask., on Tuesday. FSIN vice-chief Morley Watson says the chiefs have "grave concerns" about Clarke's plan, likening it to the 1969 White Paper that proposed the abolition of the Indian Act, rejection of land claims and assimilation of First Nations people.

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Regina Mayor Pat Fiacco addresses the media on Thursday afternoon after the province announced $80 million in funding for a new stadium in his city. CARRIE-MAY SIGGINS/METRO IN REGINA

Province offers to kick in stadium cash

30 per cent covered. Regina was originally seeking $230M

Quoted

"I think this amount is fair. I'm very comfortable with it and I'm hoping that the city and the Riders see it the same way."

Ken Cheveldayoff, minister responsible for stadium proposal

The Saskatchewan government has spiked the City of Regina's request for $230 million for a project that includes a new football stadium for the CFL Roughriders.

But the province said it will kick in up to 30 per cent of the funding for a new stadium to a maximum of $80 million. The government is also willing to finance a portion of the project in the form of a loan "in a reasonable amount," Ken Cheveldayoff, minister responsible for the proposed centre, said on Thursday.

"I've always believed that there is a role for the provincial government here, that there is a public good to be gained from a facility such as this," Cheveldayoff said at the legislature.

The province has stipulated that the new stadium would have to be "roof-ready."

"There was a concern that if we just went open-air and threw the idea of an enclosed facility out, that maybe we'd be preventing ourselves from looking at something in the future," Cheveldayoff said.

"We don't want to be in a position five years from now to say, well, you built it this way and there's no way that you can ever have a roof enclosed or retractable. We want to have it in a way that at some point in the future, if we do decide to go with a roof ... we just want it able to have that from an architectural and a structural standpoint."

Cheveldayoff said it would be up to the city, the Riders and private-sector partners to come up with the rest of the money.

A smiling Regina Mayor Pat Fiacco said it's $80 million more than the project had a day earlier.

"It's safe to say that we're just about to score a touchdown," Fiacco said.

"We're going to continue to work with our partners today and I would suggest to you that we want to have this thing all wrapped up by the end of July."

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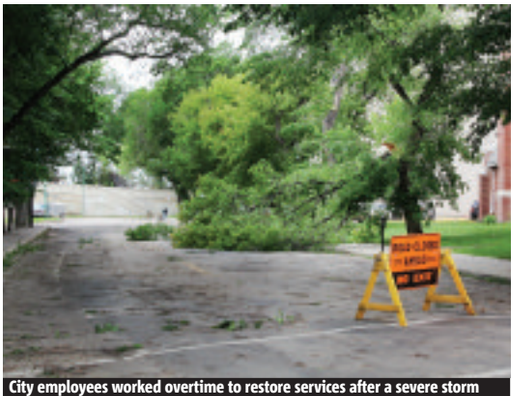

City employees worked overtime to restore services after a severe storm hit Saskatoon on Wednesday. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

City back on track after high winds downed trees, power lines

Most civic services are back up and running, the city says, after winds of up to 90 kilometres an hour knocked over a number of trees, causing power outages across the city.

Dan Paulsen, assistant chief of Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services, said there are still some areas of the city without power, but for the most part it's business as usual.

"At this point, the city of Saskatoon has been able to get all of the services as far as fire, police, transit, etc. — everything is back up to normal capacity at this time," Paulsen said.

He said some 400 homes and businesses are still being worked on. Of those, about 250 are still without power, and 150 have trees that are affecting power lines.

Paulsen said he felt the city was "very prepared" for the heavy winds and said officials are pleased with the response to failing services.

"Representing emergency services and the emergency-response systems that we have, we were able to open up dialogue amongst all of the different branches in the city, just to make sure we have sufficient resources to meet it," he said.

"When you look at the amount of trees that have come down and caused issue, it was remarkable how quickly we were able to get things back up and running."

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Egypt. New first lady nothing like predecessor

Egypt's new first lady Naglaa Ali Mahmoud and her predecessor Suzanne Mubarak share one thing in common: Both have seen their husbands and sons detained in prison.

The similarities appear to end there. Suzanne Mubarak was an elegant, sophisticated university graduate with a British mother. She was criticized for being elitist, vain, self-important, overbearing and oblivious to the plight of ordinary Egyptians.

By contrast, Islamist president-elect Mohammed Morsi's wife is a conservative, Muslim who wears a veil and did not attend college. Detractors consider her style to be emblematic of Egypt's steady march toward conservative Islam, while supporters suggest her modest demeanour and background embody the democratic spirit of the revolution.

Mahmoud has reportedly said she would prefer not to live in the Presidential Palace, and the couple has yet to move in. She also doesn't want to be called the first lady.

Title?

"Who said that the president's wife is the first lady, anyways?"
Naglaa Ali Mahmoud

Instead, she prefers to be called Umm Ahmed, which means mother of Ahmed — her eldest son. It's a moniker some secular elites might disdain as patriarchal. Her defenders note that unlike the two first ladies before her, she has not taken on her husband's last name in a sign of self-assertion that falls in line with Islamic tradition throughout Egypt. If she must have a title, she says, she would not mind being called "the first servant" of the people.

Egyptians will be watching to see whether Umm Ahmed meets foreign dignitaries and attends conferences and other events. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Zimbabwe

'Witches' to be examined

Court officials in Zimbabwe say two self-confessed witches who claim to have flown on a magical grain-threshing basket are to undergo medical and psychiatric examinations. Prosecutors said two women were arrested earlier this month after being found naked in a yard. The women are charged under witchcraft laws carrying the penalty of a fine. In local belief, the basket is equivalent to the West's witch broomstick. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Game goes global

'Communist Monopoly' for sale

A popular Polish board game based on the hardships of communism now has international editions. Poland's National Remembrance Institute released "Kolejka" last year to teach youth about frustrations and shortages during the decades of communism. Though referred to as "Communist Monopoly" the game doesn't let players collect rent or buy land. Instead, they can't buy anything after waiting in long lines. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Supreme Court upholds insurance law

Partisan divide.
Obama's health-care changes have been sharply criticized in the run-up to elections

Supporters of U.S. President Barack Obama's health-care law celebrate outside the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., Thursday after the court's ruling. DAVID GOLDMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday upheld the heart of President Barack Obama's health-care overhaul, handing him a huge election-year political victory and keeping in force the legislative centrepiece of his term, a law aimed at covering more than 30-million uninsured Americans.

The decision means the historic overhaul — opposed by virtually all Republicans including Mitt Romney, Obama's challenger — will continue to go into effect over the next several years, affecting the way that countless Americans receive and pay for their medical care.

The decision, written by conservative Chief Justice John Roberts, sided with Obama on the centrepiece of the law, which requires all Americans to have health insurance or face a federal fine.

"Whatever the politics, today's decision was a victory for people all over this country," Obama said, speaking on national television.

"It should be pretty clear by now that I didn't do this because it was good politics," he said. "I did it because it was good for the country."

By letting the law stand, the decision keeps the U.S. on a course toward joining all other major developed countries in guaranteeing health care for all its citizens.

Republicans were quick to respond. Romney said his mission now was to see the overhaul repealed, calling the changes in the system "bad law."

Republican Party Chairman Reince Priebus added in a statement: "Today's Supreme Court decision sets the stakes for the November election. Now, the only way to save the country from Obamacare's budget-busting government takeover of health care is to elect a new president."

Polls show a majority of Americans do not support the health-care overhaul, which, ironically, was based on a plan put in place in Massachusetts when Romney was governor there. The Massachusetts law has been widely supported by residents since it took effect in 2006. While Romney defends his plan, he has said such changes should be left to states and not be imposed by the federal government. He has promised to revoke the overhaul if he wins the election in November.

The court's liberal justices, Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, joined Roberts in the decision.
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Health insurance 2014

- The law would prohibit insurance companies from denying coverage to people with existing health problems.
- It gives subsidies to help uninsured middle-class households pay premiums, and expands federal health care for the poor.
- 26 million may remain without coverage after the law is fully implemented.

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Product recall. Bacteria found in hand sanitizer used in public areas

A hand sanitizer meant to protect people against germs is being recalled because of microbial contamination.

Kimberly-Clark is recalling its Kleenex-brand Luxury Foam Hand Sanitizer after company testing detected bacteria that may pose serious risks to people with weakened immune systems.

Health Canada says people with the lung disorder cystic fibrosis are especially vulnerable.

The affected hand sanitizer comes in one-litre and 1.2-litre containers, and is used in large-volume dispensers, such as those found in public areas and workspaces.

The recall affects about 430 containers, which were distributed to retail stores and wholesalers across Canada. Companies or individuals should remove the product from use. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Low risk for healthy

- The bacteria identified in the tested samples are from the burkholderia cepacia group. These bacteria pose little risk to healthy Canadians, as their bodies are able to successfully fight off infections, Health Canada said Thursday.

Grounded

Flight diverted due to windshield crack

An Air Canada flight travelling from Toronto to London was diverted to Halifax early Thursday because of a crack in the cockpit's windshield.

A spokeswoman for the Halifax Stanfield International Airport says officials received the call about the diversion around 3 a.m. and Flight 862 landed safely at 5:17 a.m.

Air Canada regional spokeswoman Isabelle Arthur says no emergency was declared, and the flight proceeded to Halifax without incident. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Class-action lawsuit against cellular giants can proceed

A web page is displayed on an Apple iPhone in Toronto on Thursday. The Supreme Court is allowing a class-action lawsuit against Canadian cellphone companies over system-access fees to proceed. GRAEME ROY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Supreme Court.

Judges allow 2004 case against Canada's major wireless carriers after several appeals

The Supreme Court of Canada is allowing a class-action lawsuit against Canadian cellphone companies over system-access fees to proceed.

The suit against some of the country's biggest wireless carriers, including Rogers, Telus and Bell Mobility, was launched in 2004.

The companies appealed the certification of the suit all the way to the Supreme Court, which dismissed the appeal Thursday — paving the way for it to proceed.

As is customary, the high court did not provide reasons for its decision.

The suit alleges the cellphone companies wrongfully collected the fees from customers, which were in addition to other monthly fees for phone service.

It calls for the respondents to be reimbursed.

The lawsuit claims that monthly "system-access fees" were created in response to annual fees charged by the government.

However, "these fees amount to less than 20 per cent of the additional charges being charged to their customers under the guise of government taxes," the claim says.

The access-fee charge, typically $6.95, "bears no relation to any actual cost of providing wireless or cellular services, but was an amount selected ... by the defendants to proliferate the misrepresentation (that) ... charges were being collected as a tax on behalf of a government agency." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Out of appeals

"We are confident the case is without merit and baseless, at least as it related to Telus."

Telus statement

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Turkey deploys heavy weaponry to Syrian border as tensions rise

Former allies. Turkey now among strongest critics of Assad regime

Syrians inspect burned cars at the site of a blast in the Syrian capital of Damascus on Thursday. MUZAFFAR SALMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turkey deployed anti-aircraft guns, rocket launchers and other weapons along its border with Syria on Thursday.

It was a military buildup that came as world powers showed new urgency to resolve the crisis in Syria before it ignites the region.

A bomb exploded in central Damascus near a busy market and the country's main justice complex, wounding at least three people, damaging cars in a parking lot and sending a black cloud rising above the Syrian capital.

It was not clear who was behind the bombing.

Much of the violence that has gripped Syria since the uprising began in March 2011 has been sanctioned by the government of President Bashar Assad to crush dissent.

Rebel fighters are launching increasingly deadly attacks on regime targets, and several massive suicide attacks this year suggest al-Qaida or other extremists are joining the fray.

Turkey, a former ally of Syria, has become one of the strongest critics of the Assad regime, and tensions between the two countries spiked following the downing of a Turkish military plane last week. A small convoy of Turkish military trucks towing anti-aircraft guns entered a military outpost on the border opposite a similar Syrian outpost.

Several anti-aircraft guns have also been deployed elsewhere along the border. Ties between the two have not been this low since the 1990s. Tensions ran high in the '80s and '90s as Turkey developed military ties with Israel and Syria sheltered a Turkish Kurd guerrilla leader.

Now, Turkey is hosting Syrian opposition groups.

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Tinderbox

More and more flee Syria

The UN refugee agency says the number of people fleeing the violence in Syria could double to 185,000 by the end of the year.

Agency officials say the number of refugees who have fled Syria has already doubled to 96,000 since March, forcing them to redraw their plans for how best to help — and the amount of money they will need to provide the help.

A UN official praised Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey for "tremendous generosity" by providing refugee camps and other help.

The agency's regional co-ordinator for Syrian refugees said $193 million US is needed to help the Syrian refugees.

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Greek police make arrests in case of fake euro coins

Police display moulds for counterfeit two-euro coins in the Greek city of Thessaloniki on Thursday.
NIKOLAS GIAKOUMIDIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police in northern Greece have arrested two men accused of making tens of thousands of counterfeit two-euro coins.

A Bulgarian man aged 59 and a 41-year-old Greek alleged accomplice were arrested near Greece's second largest city, Thessaloniki.

Police were also seeking the arrest of a 40-year-old Greek man.

Police seized thousands of nickel- and copper-alloy pieces used to make the coins.

They also seized machinery that could embed the coins with the Greek national design and make them look real.

The arrests were made in the village of Epanomi, 20 kilometres outside Thessaloniki, Greece's second-largest city.

Following the tip, Greek police investigated alongside the European Union's crime-fighting agency Europol.

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The Hague. Karadzic acquitted on one charge of genocide, trial to continue

The Yugoslav war-crimes tribunal acquitted former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic of one charge of genocide Thursday but upheld 10 other war-crimes counts.

The counts all relate to atrocities in Bosnia's bloody war.

While the decision was a setback for prosecutors and angered survivors in Bosnia, the 10 pending charges against Karadzic include another genocide count covering his alleged involvement in the 1995 Srebrenica massacre of 8,000 Muslim men and boys.

The charge that was dismissed Thursday covered the mass killings, expulsions and persecution by Serb forces of Muslims and Croats from Bosnian towns early in the country's 1992-95 war.

Judge Oh-Gon Kwon said prosecutors did not provide enough evidence to "be capable of supporting a conviction of genocide in the (Bosnian) municipalities."

The trial will continue later this year on the remaining counts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Transparency

Vatican Bank welcomes media

The Vatican bank, one of the most secretive institutions in the Vatican, opened its doors to journalists Thursday in a bid to show it is serious about fighting money-laundering and being more financially transparent.

During a three-hour PowerPoint presentation, the bank's director Paolo Cipriani outlined the unusual nature of the Institute for Religious Works, the bank's official name.

He also sought to refute media allegations that the bank has been less than co-operative with requests for financial information.

There are ongoing suspicions by Italian authorities that it hasn't abided by anti-money laundering norms.

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U.S. to share data about Canadians

Border deal. New privacy charter intended to make border crossing easier without sacrificing mutual security

The United States will be allowed to share information about Canadians with other countries under a sweeping new border deal.

A newly released binational privacy charter says that in most cases it won't have to tell Canada about its plan to pass along the information.

Information-sharing about security cases has sometimes been a sore point between the two countries since the 9-11 terrorist attacks.

Canada and the U.S. jointly released the 12-point statement of privacy principles late Thursday, covering areas including data quality, information security, effective oversight, and redress for people whose privacy is infringed.

The principles help flesh out a perimeter security deal struck by the two countries last year.

The deal is intended to help smooth the passage of people and cargo over the Canada-U.S. border while bolstering continental security.

The most contentious feature could be the plan to exchange entry information collected from all persons at the border, which would serve as a record of exit from the other country.

The privacy charter's preamble says greater information sharing between Canada and the U.S. "is vital to protecting the security of our citizens" and that personal information is to be provided, received and used only in accordance with domestic and international laws applicable to the two countries.

The principles say Canada or the U.S. may transfer information received from the other to a third country.

For instance, the U.S. could send information received from Canada to an ally abroad. However, the U.S. could do so only if American law allowed it.

In the absence of such "international agreements and arrangements," the U.S. must inform Canada prior to the transfer, or as soon as possible after the transfer in the case of urgent circumstances.

The federal privacy commissioner's office, which was consulted during drafting of the principles, said Thursday it would "take some time to read these in order to see how any suggestions we provided may have been reflected."

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A look at the border

- **Length.** The border is 8,891 km long, including 2,475 km with Alaska.
- **Busy.** Canadians made over 48-million trips to the U.S. last year. That number is expected to increase as more duty exemptions come into effect.
- **Porous.** The 9-11 Commission found that it was easy to enter the U.S. from Canada illegally, and that smuggling is on the increase.

G20 protests. Agency 'in the dark' about policing

A new report concludes the civilian agency responsible for oversight of Toronto police found itself largely in the dark when it came to policing at the G20 summit.

The review by retired justice John Morden finds the police-services board didn't ask enough questions of the police chief, wrongly believing it couldn't seek information on operational matters.

Some members of the board blamed Chief Bill Blair for being secretive but the report faults the board for failing to get the information it should have had.

Morden says the board had far too little time — just four months — to prepare for the June 2010 summit, which was marred by vandalism and the arrest of more than 1,100 people.

In effect, the report, which makes 38 recommendations, found the board became "a mere bystander in a process it was supposed to lead."

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Immigration. Application freeze placed on programs

Federal Immigration Minister Jason Kenney is putting the brakes on new applications under two programs popular with people wanting to come to Canada from abroad.

Kenney told a Calgary business audience that the federal government is placing a moratorium on the Federal Skilled Worker Program and the Immigrant Investor Program.

Both were scheduled to reopen for applications at the end of the month.

He says he hopes the programs will be revamped by the end of the year.

Ottawa has already legislated away a seven-year backlog of people who applied to get into Canada before rules were rejigged.

Kenney had announced plans to overhaul the investor program in the spring and his intention is to consult with stakeholders, the provinces and territories on how best to reform it.

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Raising a rainbow for Pride Week

Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter participates in a flag-raising ceremony in front of Province House in Halifax Thursday, officially launching community Pride events across the province. This year marks the 25th anniversary of Pride Week celebrations in Nova Scotia. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Supreme Court

Appeal to be heard after sex convictions thrown out

The Supreme Court of Canada will hear an appeal of a lower court's decision to throw out 17 sex-offence convictions against a Nova Scotia man involving boys in the 1970s.

The Nova Scotia Court of Appeal overturned convictions on eight counts of indecent assault and nine counts of gross indecency against Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh last year, ruling that a 14-year delay between the original allegations and the trial was too long.

Jennifer MacLellan, the senior Crown attorney handling the case, said she made four "good phone calls" to the complainants involved in the appeal after the high court agreed Thursday to hear legal arguments in the case.

"I think they are relieved as well and pleased with the outcome of the decision and realize this is one step along the way," MacLellan told a news conference in Halifax.

The allegations against MacIntosh, a former Cape Breton businessman, date back to the 1970s but only surfaced in 1995 when he was working in India.

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Crime

Road rage sparks assault in Alberta

A semi driver from Calgary suffered facial lacerations after he was attacked by a man during an apparent road-rage incident in central Alberta

RCMP say witnesses saw a pickup truck force a semi onto the shoulder along the so-called Gasoline Alley on the main highway through Red Deer Wednesday evening.

A man in the pickup got out and started punching the driver's side window of the big rig until it broke. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian patriotism turning to swagger: Poll

The results of a new survey challenge the long-held notion that Canadians are reluctant to be as outwardly patriotic as their American neighbours.

The Ipsos-Reid online survey of 1,100 people — conducted for the Historica-Dominion Institute in the days leading up to the Canada Day long weekend — suggest the Canadian sense of national pride is becoming an in-your-face swagger.

That is particularly true when it comes to the country's most potent national symbol: The Maple Leaf.

One in five of those surveyed said they would consider getting a tattoo of a Canadian flag somewhere on their body.

But respondents from Saskatchewan and Manitoba seemed the most eager, as well as those under 55.

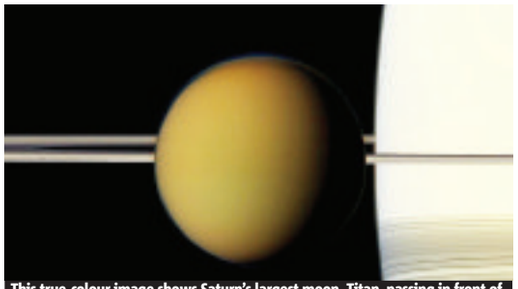
"We're talking about a country that traditionally was not very extroverted in a way that Americans or Brits are," said Jeremy Diamond, the institute's national director.

The survey suggests that when it comes to the Maple Leaf, Canadians consider it their overwhelming choice for a national symbol.

Forget the Mounties, beavers and hockey jerseys — these icons each garnered only 10 per cent support when respondents were asked to pick a national symbol.

The polar bear, Inukshuk and canoe were even further behind the Maple Leaf's 59 per cent, as were poutine and Anne of Green Gables at one per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New evidence. Saturn's largest moon may have ocean beneath surface



This true-colour image shows Saturn's largest moon, Titan, passing in front of the planet and its rings. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scientists reported Thursday on the strongest sign yet that Saturn's giant moon may have a salty ocean beneath its chilly surface.

If confirmed, it would catapult Titan into an elite class of solar-system moons harbouring water, an essential ingredient for life.

Titan boasts methane-filled seas at the poles and a possible lake near the equator. And it's long been speculated that Titan contains a hidden liquid layer, based on mathematical modelling and electric-field measurements made by the Huygens spacecraft that landed on the surface in 2005.

The latest evidence is still indirect, but outside scientists said it's probably the best that can be obtained short of sending a spacecraft to drill into the surface — which won't happen anytime soon.

"If the analysis is correct, this is a very important finding," said Gabriel Tobie of France's University of Nantes.

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Euro 2012

Russian, Spanish associations fined

UEFA fined the Russian and Spanish football associations a total of $62,000 US on Thursday for racist abuse by their fans at European Championship matches.

UEFA said its disciplinary panel found both countries guilty of "improper conduct of its fans (racist behaviour, racist chanting)."

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Lost and found

Sunken Italian WW2 ship located

The Italian navy says the wreckage of the Second World War battleship Roma, sunk by German planes 69 years ago with the loss of 1,352 lives, has been located north of Sardinia.

The navy says the wreckage was located Thursday some 1,000 metres under the sea. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Korean defector claims she was tricked

True story? Woman calls herself an 'ingrate' for leaving country in rare televised press conference

A North Korean woman said Thursday that she was tricked into defecting six years ago by South Korean agents who offered to arrange a reunion with her father, who went to the South during the Korean War.

The rare public account that 66-year-old Pak Jong Suk told to local and foreign reporters at a news conference at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang could not be independently confirmed. South Korea's Unification Ministry said it was investigating and would release its findings later.

"I am an ingrate who has betrayed my motherland to seek better living while others devoted themselves to building a thriving nation, tightening their belts," said Pak, clad in a pink traditional Korean dress.

It is unusual for North Korea to hold and televise a news conference for foreign as well as local media featuring ordinary citizens — particularly a former defector. It was not possible to immediately verify whether Pak spoke on government orders or of her own volition, but North Korea has bristled in recent weeks at allegations of rights abuses and maltreatment of repatriated defectors.

Pak said she slipped undetected across the Tumen River from the North Korean city of Chongjin into China in March 2006, after being promised that she would be reunited with her father in the Chinese city of Qingdao. She said she hoped to get money from him. Three months later, after paying smugglers, she said she was tricked by South Korean intelligence agents into boarding a boat that landed in South Korea.

The circumstances of how she returned to the North were not clear. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crossing over

23,000

More than 23,000 North Koreans have defected since the Korean War ended in 1953.

Ecological architecture

A man uses the skywalk during a viewing of the Supertrees at Graden by the Bay at Marina Bay Sands on Thursday in Singapore. The structures vary from 25 to 50 metres in height and stand in the financial district. CHRIS MCGRATH/GETTY IMAGES

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Came to pick vegetables.
Centenarian becomes U.S. citizen at last

A 102-year-old Filipino man who came to the U.S. as a youth in 1928 to pick vegetables became a citizen during a touching naturalization ceremony in Los Angeles.

"I'm happy," Joaquin Arciago Guzman said in his native Tagalog after Wednesday's ceremony, where about 7,300 joined him in taking the citizenship oath.

Only 27 people older than 100 have become citizens in the past 50 years, according to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

The oldest person ever to become a citizen was Manik Bokchalian. She was 117 when she took the oath in 1997.

Guzman left the Philippines to harvest lettuce and cabbage in the fertile fields south of San Francisco.

Joaquin Arciago Guzman swears an oath of citizenship Wednesday. KEVORK DJANSEZIAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He returned to the Philippines and married Paz Irene Gatchalian, the came back to the United States before the birth of the first of their six children.

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Tempers flare at Chilean student protest

Students clash with riot police during a protest to demand that President Sebastian Pinera's government overhaul the education system to guarantee free, quality public education for all Chileans, in front of La Moneda presidential palace in Santiago Thursday. HECTOR RETAMAL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No U.S. citizenship for war criminal

John Demjanjuk. Convicted in Germany for Nazi atrocities, former auto worker died while case was still under appeal

A U.S. appeals court on Thursday rejected a request to restore the U.S. citizenship of a recently deceased autoworker convicted of Nazi war crimes.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that John Demjanjuk cannot regain his citizenship posthumously, saying his death made the case moot.

Demjanjuk died March 17 in Germany at age 91. His defence attorneys had said the U.S. government withheld potentially helpful material in his case and asked the court to either restore his citizenship or order a hearing on the case.

One of Demjanjuk's attorneys, Dennis Terez, said the defence was evaluating the opinion. There was no immediate comment from Demjanjuk's family.

The Ukraine-born Demjanjuk lived for decades in the U.S. before he was convicted by a German court in May 2011 on 28,060 counts of being an accessory to murder at the Sobibor death camp in occupied Poland.

Demjanjuk, who maintained that he had been mistaken for someone else, died while his conviction was under appeal.

Demjanjuk previously was tried, convicted and sentenced to death in Israel as the notoriously brutal guard "Ivan the Terrible" at the Treblinka extermination camp.

The Israeli Supreme Court unanimously overturned that conviction after the Israeli authorities received evidence that another Ukrainian was that Nazi guard.

But the supreme court judges said they still believed Demjanjuk had served the Nazis, probably at the Trawniki SS training camp and Sobibor.

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Evidence

Defence says Nazi ID card could be fake

The defence team alleged that a judge violated basic fairness by ruling against John Demjanjuk's citizenship appeal without holding a hearing on a 1985 secret FBI report uncovered recently by The Associated Press. The document indicatesthat the FBI believed a Nazi ID card purportedly showing that Demjanjuk served as a death-camp guard was a Soviet-made fake.

The federal government responded to the 1985 document with an affidavit last year from retired FBI agent Thomas Martin, who investigated.

Martin said the report he wrote was based on speculation and not on any investigation. He said he had reached no conclusions about the ID card's authenticity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oldest yet

20,000-year-old pottery found

Pottery fragments found in a south China cave have been confirmed to be 20,000 years old, making them the oldest-known pottery in the world, archaeologists say. The findings, which will appear in the journal Science on Friday, add to recent efforts that have dated pottery piles in east Asia to more than 15,000 years ago, refuting theories that the invention of pottery began about 10,000 years ago when humans moved from being hunter-gathers to farmers.

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Greek tragedy

Man dies after he falls off Acropolis

Police say a man who fell off Greece's most famous monument, the Acropolis in central Athens, has died.

Authorities said the circumstances surrounding the fall Thursday morning were not clear. The 42-year-old Greek bank employee, whose identity has not been made public, had suffered serious head injuries in the fall.

The Acropolis hill and the 2,500-year-old marble temples that stand atop it are the capital city's key tourist attraction.

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Brazil

Child-porn group busted: Police

Brazilian police said Thursday they have broken up a ring that used Internet file sharing to distribute child pornography in at least 34 countries.

Insp. Diana Calazans Mann told reporters the photo and video files exchanged by members of the group were "very repugnant."

"We were extremely shocked with the images," she added. "I have never seen anything as bad."

Another officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said 15 arrest warrants had been issued in Brazil, and that at least 12 people had already been arrested.

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Australian decision

Laws to deport refugees tossed

Australian senators rejected laws Thursday that would have let Australia deport asylum seekers as a way of discouraging them from attempting the dangerous boat journeys.

The legislation had scraped through the House of Representatives 74-72 late Wednesday after six hours of debate. But the Senate rejected the bill 39 votes to 29.

Four people are believed to have died and 130 were rescued from a boat that capsized Wednesday, but more than 90 people are believed to have died in a capsizing last week midway between Australia's Christmas Island and Indonesia.

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B.C. premier hires third press secretary

B.C. Premier Christy Clark has reached back to the Gordon Campbell era for her newest press secretary — her third communications aide since she was elected Liberal leader in February 2011.

Mike Morton said Thursday he's coming out of retirement to work with the premier.

Morton, who was Campbell's press secretary from 1998 to 2008, said he starts working for Clark Tuesday.

"I have said to her since she was elected leader and premier that I would help in any way I could, and it so happened she was looking to have a press secretary based in Victoria, and here I am," he said.

Morton said he did not view his return as a media handler as a demotion for Sara MacIntyre, who has been working as Clark's press secretary for the past four months.

"She was hired specifically to be the director of communications, and to be a bit more Vancouver based, so I absolutely don't see it as a reflection on her efforts to date at all," he said.

MacIntyre was recruited to Clark's team while she worked in Ottawa as a media spokeswoman for Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Her move to Clark's office coincided with the arrival in British Columbia of Harper strategist Ken Boessenkool to shore up Clark's right-wing flank, which was feeling pressure from the Conservatives.

MacIntyre replaced former Vancouver reporter Chris Olsen who was Clark's original press secretary and was let go earlier this year after less than a year on the job.

Morton stepped down as Campbell's press secretary in January 2008.

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Google co-founder Sergey Brin
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Web wars

Google releases Chrome browser for iPhone, iPad

Google's Chrome browser can now be used to surf the Internet on the iPhone and iPad.

The Chrome application released Thursday is the latest volley in the escalating rivalry between Google and Apple, the maker of the popular mobile devices.

Google's attempt to supplant Apple's own Safari browser comes a day after it unveiled its plans to sell a low-priced tablet computer to compete against the iPad and Amazon's Kindle Fire.

The arrival of Chrome on Apple's mobile operating system comes a month after Yahoo released a browser called Axis for the iPhone and iPad.

Unlike Axis, however, Chrome already has emerged as one of the most popular alternatives to Microsoft's Internet Explorer on traditional computers.

Google revealed Thursday that Chrome now has 310-million active users, up from 160 million a year ago.

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Bad trade

JPMorgan Chase shares fall on report of $9B loss

JPMorgan Chase stock declined more than two per cent on Thursday, making it one of the worst-performing banks, after a published report said its loss on a bad trade could be far higher than the bank first estimated.

The New York Times, citing an internal report at the bank, reported that the loss could reach $9 billion US.

JPMorgan Chase stock closed down 90 cents, or 2.4 per cent, at $35.88. Financial stocks as a group lost 0.2 per cent. JPMorgan traded at about $41 before the loss was disclosed and has closed as low as $31 in the weeks since. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Research In Motion still stumbling

First-quarter results. Troubled tech firm's shares plunge after news of deep job cuts and postponed launch of the Blackberry 10

Research In Motion is delaying the launch of its much- anticipated BlackBerry 10 handset until next year and cutting 5,000 jobs as it restructures operations, the troubled smartphone company said Thursday.

The launch of BlackBerry 10, seen as key to the recovery of the company, had been expected later this year and will now miss the important holiday shopping season.

"This was a challenging quarter for the company on many fronts and I'm not satisfied with the financial performance we are reporting," chief executive Thorsten Heins said on a conference call.

Heins said the company's top priority is the launch of the first BlackBerry 10 device, which it has pushed to the first quarter of 2013.

The company also plans to simplify its operations, which includes cutting back on the number of different BlackBerry devices on the market, as well as reducing its "layers of management" and outsourcing more of its non-core functions.

Heins told investors on a conference call that many of the wireless carriers actually prefer that the company launch its new devices in the first quarter of next year because faster networks will be in place then.

RIM shares plunged 16 per cent in after-hours trading on the Nasdaq, losing $1.50 to $7.63 US. Shares closed up two cents at $9.46 on the Toronto Stock Exchange in regular-hours trading Thursday.

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WestJet CEO gets hands-on with the Q400

WestJet Airlines president and CEO Gregg Saretsky looks at a tongue-in-cheek "Sold" sign on Bombardier Aerospace's Q400 aircraft in Calgary on Thursday. WestJet will begin receiving the Q400 for their new regional airline in 2013. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Companies fined for illegal export

Pratt & Whitney Canada is among the United Technologies companies that will pay up to about $75 million US in penalties after pleading guilty Thursday to violating U.S. law for illegally exporting military software to China.

The Quebec-based subsidiary pleaded guilty to three counts of violating the Arms Export Control Act and making false statements in connection with the export of software used in the development of China's first modern military attack helicopter.

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Market Minute

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TOP 9 THINGS THAT NEED TO BE KNOWN IMMEDIATELY

THE LIST
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On Wednesday it was the Canada Day List, highlighting 10 great things about Canada. Today it's the Metro List, our authoritative tally of the most noteworthy events of the week.

1 **You want a list? I'll give you a list.** Because we're so big on lists around here, we tip our hats in the general direction of the Maclean's Book of Lists, which, even though it's from the competition, is the Mother of All Lists, including 12 things you didn't know were invented by Canadians, the top-10 crying hockey players, eight Canadian sitcoms that sucked and seven facts about winning the lottery. Plus it hits the stands on Canada Day (see above).

2 **Obamacare.** The president's medical-coverage scheme survives the U.S. Supreme Court. Now it's the law that every American must have health coverage. It's kind of like being a Canadian. Too bad Fox and CNN, in the race to be first, got it dead wrong, reporting that SCOTUS struck the law down and then correcting themselves. Red faces all around.

3 **Speaking of Obama.** A poll says 65 per cent of Americans think he'll do better than Mitt Romney if there's an alien invasion. Either they believe he was born in Kenya, and is therefore an alien himself, or they think Romney would declare all the aliens illegal and deport them back to Alpha Centauri.

4 **He's not crying.** Sidney Crosby signs a deal to make $104 million US to play hockey for the Pittsburgh Penguins for the next 12 years. Gordie Howe, a 23-time NHL all-star, made $100,000 in his highest-paid season. In his 103-point best year, he was the third-highest paid guy on the team, making $45,000.

5 **Tennis, anyone?** Wimbledon considers introducing a court-side grunt-o-meter to measure the decibel count on grunts from female tennis players. Maria Sharapova can hit decibels — 101 — greater than a jackhammer and a motorcycle.

6 **The Algo Centre Mall.** The commercial heart of Elliot Lake, Ont., collapses. Tragedy strikes anyone, any day, but can't we make sure that malls don't collapse? Like, build it right to begin with.

7 **Naked truth.** The Canadian national women's rugby team bares all for a fundraising calendar. The Canadian national men's rugby team promises not to publish a naked calendar if we give them money.

8 **Bieber Watch.** Justin Bieber enjoys the year's biggest debut as his latest album, Believe, sold 374,000 copies in its first week, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan. I wonder who'll buy lunch at the Overpaid Café: Justin or Sidney? Sigh.

9 **Happy Canada Day.** Bonne Fête du Canada. Păomă jiānádà guóqìng rì.

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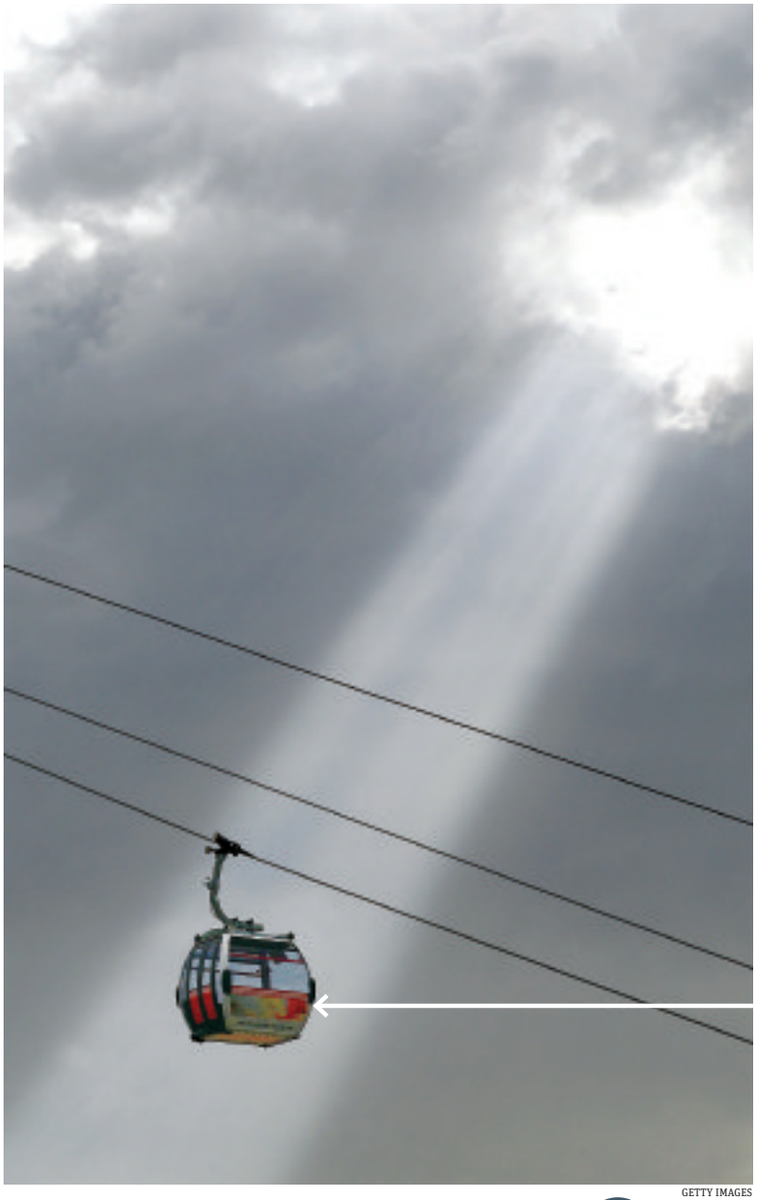
New cable car gets a blessing



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Sky opens in London

New cable car to brighten the city

It's a heavenly sign of good times to come, or at least that's what London's ruling officials want. The U.K. capital opened its first cable-car service on Thursday, a stunning ride across the River Thames that will cater to tourists visiting the nearby Olympic Park. METRO

Mayor's view

"It's beautiful, worth every penny and a stunning piece of engineering"

London Mayor Boris Johnson

Fly flags: Unionized bus workers protest in front of cable cars. GETTY IMAGES

Cable car in numbers

2,500

Transport for London, England says the cars will carry up to 2,500 people per hour in each direction — the equivalent of 30 buses.

Brittany Waters, a winger with Canada's national women's rugby team, strikes a pose for a 2013 calendar the team is selling as a fundraising tool on the road the 2016 summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.
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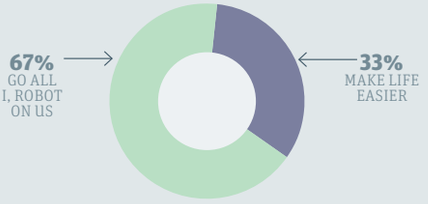

Twitter

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45 tweets away from hitting the big '1000'... Any suggestions for my thousandth tweet? :-) #yxe #twitterverse #milestones

@superstartsky:
Days like this make me wish I had a mobile office! I would spend my day on the Meewasin Trail! #yxe

@JClements337:
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@iLightUp:
I may have a chemical imbalance that makes me need to do theatrical type dances whenever I hear Lady Gaga songs.

@TheAwesomeJosh:
It's so bright, sunny and calm. What a difference 24 hours can make! #yxe

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In Ted, Mark Wahlberg's girlfriend (Mila Kunis) gives him an ultimatum — choose between her, or his beloved talking teddy bear. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Over-bearing humour?

Ted. Without network censors on his case, Seth MacFarlane lets the politically incorrect jokes fly in new comedy

Richard: The novelty of watching a stuffed bear spout words that would make a biker blush fades soon after the opening credits. After that the movie relies on Seth MacFarlane's trademarked blend of awkward, inappropriate humour to get laughs, and you know what? It works. I didn't feel good about laughing at some of the gags, but I laughed. You?

Mark: Yes, I laughed. There are some very good jokes in the movie, although the film isn't as innovative as it wants us to believe. It's very similar to movies like You, Me, and Dupree which asks the main character to choose between his romantic interest and boorish but lovable best friend. In this case the best friend is a teddy bear, but the dynamic is the same. If you've ever loved one of those dirty ventriloquist acts this movie is surely for you. But the bottom line is: I laughed.

RC: Fans of Family Guy already know what to expect from the big screen directorial debut of Seth MacFarlane. As the writer and the voice behind Peter Griffin on that show he has redefined the limits of what is acceptable on prime-time TV. Now, imagine that without a network censor looking over his shoulder. It's not the concept that pushes the envelope it's the material. It's filled with the kind of jokes you tell around the water cooler the next day, but only in a whisper.

MB: And three cheers to MacFarlane for it! Most movie comedies confuse political incorrectness with cheap gross-out humour but MacFarlane is closer in tone to the South Park creators — there isn't an ethnic or special needs group left unscathed. Animators have known for a long time that when you put these jokes in the mouths of non-humans, it takes away enough of the sting to let them slide. Anything in particular make you laugh?

RC: Like any five-year-old I always giggle at flatulence jokes. I'm not proud of it, but there you have it. They make me laugh and Ted has a restaurant scene involving gassiness and some outraged businessmen that is to passing-gas-scenes what the Odessa Steps sequence is to Battleship Potemkin.

MB: You just made Eisenstein roll over in his grave. I loved the wisecracks and most of the flashback scenes. But the over-the-top motel room fight between man and teddy bear will stay with me forever.

Synopsis

When John Bennett (Mark Walhberg) was a small, lonely child, he wished for just one thing — a best friend. His wish came true, and Ted (voice of Seth MacFarlane), his trusty teddy bear, came to life. The pair became "Thunder Buddies" for life, which causes problems when John grows up and moves in with his girlfriend Lori (Mila Kunis). After four years of living with John and the pot-smoking, foul-mouthed Ted, she makes an ultimatum: it's either her or the stuffed, stoned bear.

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●●○○

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Snoop detained in Norway?

Norwegian media are reporting that Snoop Dogg was briefly detained in Norway after entering the country with marijuana and a large amount of cash. Customs officials decline to confirm the report, saying only that an American artist entered Norway with a small amount of marijuana. Norwegian law prevents law enforcement officials from naming suspects.

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On the web

Playing male strippers in Magic Mike illuminated female fantasy for cast of Hollywood hunks

Andrew Garfield stars in The Amazing Spider-Man, which hits theatres next Tuesday. HANDOUT

Andrew Garfield spins a nervous web

The Amazing Spider-Man. Actor had plenty of anxiety over doing justice to one of his favourite comic book characters

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News in New York

Now that The Amazing Spider-Man is finally about to hit theatres, it seems as though star Andrew Garfield will at last be able to get a full eight hours of sleep.

"I've been nervous for the last two years, it seems," he explains. "Every day, there's been something that's made me have to suppress shaking."

Clearly the British actor felt some pressure after taking up the mantel of Spidey that recently was worn by Tobey Maguire in the three installments that ran from 2002-2007. But it was Garfield's personal connection to Marvel's signature comic book character that got him all tied up in knots, so to speak, for the reboot.

"We all have that one fictional character, at least, that we all care about so much," he says. "If ever that opportunity came for any of us to play it, to serve it, do it justice, when that moment comes, you're like, 'I'm not allowed to sleep. I'm not allowed to think about anything else! I need to dedicate everything to this person that's given me so much in my life that I want to give all of myself to it.'"

Garfield's not the kind of actor who comes off as disingenuous — unless of course, it's in the script. But his naturally quiet, smart, somewhat befuddled nature comes across in his iteration of Spider-man, who's more fidgety and anxious than the Spideys before him. That aspect of the masked hero's DNA was what Garfield held on to.

"That was how I always felt growing up — I felt like an underdog. I was a skinny kid. I always thought I should have been bigger for some reason, because society tells you that," he says. "I played rugby, and I was good at it but I got concussed all the time because I was a weakling. So that was something that I identified with for Peter, because he felt stronger on the inside than he did on the outside ... and there's nothing better than seeing a skinny guy beat the crap out of big guys."

A weakling, he might have been at one time, but Garfield will be poised for superstardom should this reboot of Spider-Man franchise take off.

Staying grounded

Andrew Garfield has made a vow that he'll audition for every role he's interested in — an unconventional practice for well-established actors. "I've had to work for everything that I've been a part of and this is what's satisfying about it, because you know that they really looked at everyone, and you are the right person for that particular story and that particular moment."

Emma Stone. Actress has fun falling in love all over again — for the first time

Emma Stone has quickly become one of the most in-demand actresses in Hollywood. Since her breakout role in Superbad in 2007, she's not only racked up a number of lead roles, such as in The Help and Easy A, but she's also been nominated for a slew of awards for her work. Today, she sits atop a major comic book franchise with Andrew Garfield in the reboot of The Amazing Spider-Man. But she's no role model, folks.

"I don't in any way shape, or form think that I'm any type of a role model or anything like that," she says emphatically. "But I think for whatever reason when you're put into a public place, you have to figure out what that purpose is in your life."

Stone remains focused on her career, expressly stating that she won't talk politics. However, a new contract she's signed with Revlon does give her the opportunity to say something about beauty, even if she seems quite unaware of her own appeal.

"I thought why in the world would I be approached for a beauty campaign, because I had always been the funny girl. That's not to put myself down; that was always the way that my brain worked," she says. "Then I thought about Diane Keaton for L'Oreal and Ellen DeGeneres for Cover Girl, and how sometimes real beauty gets to be celebrated. If I have an opportunity to possibly reach young girls to make them feel like what they are is enough … then that's a game changer."

Stone and Garfield themselves may be re-writing the rules when it comes to the Spider-Man franchise, which audiences had last seen in 2007 with the third installment, starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst, as Mary Jane Watson. In this iteration, helmed by 500 Days of Summer director Marc Webb, Stone plays Peter Parker's first love, Gwen Stacy. With Garfield and Stone romantically involved off-screen, the intense connection they have in front of the camera is that much more believable, as the actress herself hints.

"This kind of swept me off of my feet because she is truly in love with him," Stone says of her and Garfield's characters. "I wanted to experience that feeling of first love before you know what it's like to get your heart completely shattered — that life or death love. It's a matter of un-learning, and becoming 17 again, and letting yourself be 17 in this moment. It's fun, you guys should try it; it's pretty cool to feel that way again."

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Emma Stone plays Peter Parker's first love, Gwen Stacy. HANDOUT

Oliver Stone takes issue with wars — even when they are wars on drugs

Savages. Filmmaker's latest project takes a fictional look at Mexican drug cartels moving into the U.S.

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Savages opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Oliver Stone is no stranger to controversial topics — or controversial films. In his latest, Savages, he takes on the ongoing, bloody Mexican drug war, with kidnapping and violence erupting when a cartel attempts a hostile takeover of two Stateside growers (Aaron Johnson and Taylor Kitsch) and the girlfriend they share (Blake Lively).

How do you go about approaching such a real, current and deadly topic with a fictional film?
Well, we're based on a book, so this is not a Traffic-like approach docudrama about the situation. We really took on a hypothetical fiction. This movie was about a situation that could happen but hasn't happened, which is that a cartel would move in on some niche, boutique growers, independent growers who grow high-grade product here in the United States.

What are your own feelings about the drug war?
Well, you'd have to go back to 1969. Why do you have to declare a war on drugs? I didn't understand it, and I don't know why America loves the concept of war — war in Vietnam, war in Iraq, war in Afghanistan. It's just endless wars. By fighting a war you put a huge amount of money in, the budgets go up and a lot of corruption ensues. That's the history of war. Not only that but America has screwed itself by creating a prison system that's out of control and a Drug Enforcement Agency that is well beyond insane in terms of creating scenarios. And you have also hurt Mexico deeply because you created corruption on a huge, vast scale in Mexico as well as driving up the price of herbs like marijuana. It could cost a lot less.

What about the prospect of marijuana legalization in the States?
I don't see much progress recently, with the Obama administration going against it. The California state laws are far more liberal and hopefully will prevail in the progressive movement, but with an election? Forget it. Stupidity rules. It's the lowest common denominator. At the very least, decriminalization. How about that? Let's empty the prison population, which is enormous in this country.

Of course, marijuana isn't the only drug fueling this situation.
How about differentiating marijuana from cocaine? Let's start with scientific analyses about marijuana and its true effect. That would be a very sane place to start this argument. Cocaine is another version of another kind of thing, and I do think it should be medicalized as well because there's huge amounts of money to be made otherwise. So if it could be taxed and medicalized and used sanely, it would make sense.

Drama

Take this Waltz

Director. Sarah Polley

Stars. Michelle Williams, Seth Rogen, Luke Kirby

Actor-turned-filmmaker Sarah Polley's follow-up to Away From Her is as poignant as her Oscar-nominated debut. Delving into themes of emotional turmoil, the drama explores a married woman (Michelle Williams) and her repressed desire to seek fulfillment in a bohemian artist. While the premise reeks of convenience (they meet in Halifax only to discover they're neighbours!), Polley's script carries a soft intensity while the cast (particularly Williams) make the film worth waltzing to the multiplex for.

STEVE GOW

Drama

People Like Us

Director. Alex Kurtzman

Stars. Chris Pine, Elizabeth Banks, Olivia Wilde

Sam (Pine) is a selfish salesman who only cares about money. So when his dad passes away and leaves him $150,000, Sam is over the moon — until he finds out the fortune is for a sister he never knew he had. Unsure if he'll give up the money, Sam develops a friendship with his sister, Frankie (Banks), but doesn't reveal their true relationship. Banks is delightful as a fiery single mom, but the film is too long and there are a couple of unnecessary characters that distract from what could have been a decent drama.

REGAN REID

Drama

Magic Mike

Director. Steven Soderbergh

Stars. Channing Tatum, Matthew McConaughey

It would be challenging to make a truly serious movie about male strippers and luckily, director Steven Soderbergh doesn't. A semi-autobiographical story about its chiseled star Channing Tatum, Magic Mike explores the struggle of an "entrepreneur" whose real dream isn't to dance on top of furniture but to build it. It loses strength when the plot turns transparent but the cast (particularly Matthew McConaughey) really has their mojo working.

STEVE GOW

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The Pirates! Band of Misfits (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:05
What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG) Fri-Wed 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:40

Twins for True Blood couple

Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer are reportedly expecting twins — and it was one of their True Blood co-stars who let the news out.

Sam Trammell, who stars on the HBO series with Paquin and Moyer and is a father to twins himself, tells Us Weekly he's been doing his best to prepare the parents-to-be.

"It's harder, having twins, but it's all we know. So we're trying to impart some decent wisdom," Trammell says.

"I told them to hold on tight."

Russell Brand

Brand calls for British revolution against Royals

Russell Brand is unimpressed with the British Royal Family and thinks it's time for a change. The recent Diamond Jubilee, celebrating the Queen's 60-year reign, didn't help matters, either.

"People need to have things to celebrate otherwise we realize that we are oppressed and unable to express ourselves freely because we are at the behest of all these corporate entities," Brand says in an interview with Conan O'Brien. "So yeah, have a party to distract us from the fact that we're being tyrannized, why not?"

So what's Brand's solution? "It's time for a bloody revolution," he says. "It only takes one to chop off someone's head."

Spice up your life!

After announcing an upcoming musical featuring their songs, the Spice Girls are auctioning off their iconic outfits for charity.

According to the Daily Mirror, Sporty is handing over some Adidas pants and sports bras, Baby is kicking in a frilly dress and Ginger is parting with her signature Union Jack dress.

We're calling it now: Dibs on the platform sneakers.

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The Word

Kelly Osbourne explains drunk flight

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After sobbing over a pile of cocktails on a recent flight, Kelly Osbourne wants to clear things up.

The reality show star — who has been to rehab for drugs, but admits to drinking moderately — tells Radar Online that she had been doing research about multiple sclerosis after her brother's diagnosis and became overwhelmed.

"On the plane I started looking at the website," she tells the site. "It described how bad certain cases of MS got, and it made me lose it."

Kelly, the next time all you have to say is, "I was thousands of feet up in the air in an insane machine that doesn't even have the courtesy to flap its wings." We've had that cry.

Awkward breakup on the Today show

As expected, Ann Curry hosted her last Today show yesterday. After a week of suspiciously cute break-up outfits — don't think we missed those electric blue pumps, Ann — she gave a tearful goodbye to viewers.

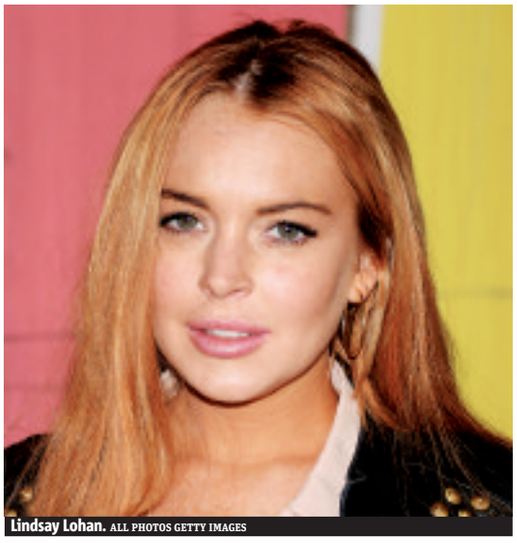
While Curry deployed her signature listening-and-very-concerned eyes when Al Roker and Natalie Morales said their parts, things with co-host Matt Lauer were painfully awkward — even by Today show standards.

Despite rumours that Lauer demanded Curry be fired as ratings dropped, he went in for an ill-advised goodbye kiss, which landed somewhere between her wince and her grimace.

For her part, Curry is doing an impressive job of playing technically nice while still hinting that a hedgehog with an Us Weekly subscription could do Lauer's job.

"Obviously he's considered the golden boy of morning television," she tells USA Today after discussing her plans to cover women's rights in Syria.

"He's so good when you sit next to him; it's hard not to be helped by that. He's funny and glib, and he knows how the show works."



Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lohan settles 'hostage' suit

Better late than never: Lindsay Lohan has finally reached a settlement for a lawsuit relating to a 2007 reckless driving incident during which she took three men "hostage" while chasing down her assistant, according to TMZ.

The incident resulted in Lohan's second DUI arrest. On the night in question, the three men arrived at a party in Malibu just as Lohan's assistant quit her job and drove off. Lohan reportedly commandeered the men's car — with them in it — to make chase.

During the chase, the men say Lohan was "hostile," declaring she "didn't care about the risk of death" and saying "she was a celebrity, she could do whatever she wants."

She was later arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and cocaine.

Lohan has reportedly agreed to pay off the three men, though the sum was undisclosed and a dismissal is expected to be filed soon.

Sheen speaks out on hotel party rumours

Charlie Sheen is quick to deny claims that he had another wild hotel room party in New York last weekend that resulted in him being banned from any Ritz-Carlton property.

"It's just stupid," Sheen tells Hollyscoop. "It's just totally beneath me to even comment on it. It's just that people are so jealous. It's like, 'Another comeback from this guy? Let's just beat him while he's down.' I'm kind of bothered by that, too, but who cares? I'm here and they're not, you know? Period, the end, right?"

Sheen's reps say no such party took place, and they've even produced a Ritz employee to chime in with, "Charlie was here for three days. He looked so good. He was clean and sober and very friendly."

The employee added that Sheen's room "was clean" when he checked out.

Twitter

@_juliannemoore
Why does my car smell like old bananas? Oh .... Because my kids left old bananas in my car.

@ActuallyNPH
Goodbye, Montreal! I had such a great time - the sights, the food, the people - I think you might be my favorite city in Canada!

@Dolly_Parton
I'm old enough and cranky enough now that if someone tried to tell me what to do, I'd tell them where to put it.

@SethMacFarlane
Drake didn't steal Rihanna from Chris Brown, he just sampled her.

3 LIFE

Nothing says O Canada like gravy, cheese curds and fries

Poutine. Three Canadian chefs tell us what topping makes it the perfect dish

It's uniquely Canadian and in its purest form consists of three simple ingredients. But chefs are getting a lot more creative with poutine toppings. From bacon, and pulled pork to vegan gravy and mushrooms, if you can dream it, it can probably top your poutine.

"I like poutine with smoked meat in it. It substantiates the dish, soaks up some of the juices, keeping the fries a little crispier. Call me biased, but fries, cheese, gravy and smoked chicken makes for a fabulous dish."
David Neinstein of Barque Smokehouse

"Today, poutine can have almost any topping you can think of: Pad Thai Poutine, Butter Chicken Poutine, Braised Beef Cheeks Poutine and on and on. I have many favourite additions such as crispy pork belly, sticky beef short ribs and duck confit with green onions."
Stephen Pynn of Bannock

"For me, the perfect topping is an easy choice — lobster! As Canadians, we have a few national foods that everyone can identify and are familiar with: poutine and lobster. Why not combine them both? You are taking a classic poutine and adding a serious flavourful kick. That's easily my favourite poutine."
Matt Dean Pettit of Rock Lobster Food Co.

History

The dish originated in rural Quebec in the late 1950s. Several Québécois communities claim to be the birthplace of poutine, including Drummondville and Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu. One often-cited tale is that of Fernand Lachance, from Warwick, Que. who claims that poutine was invented there in 1957 when he exclaimed, "ça va faire une maudite poutine ("it will make a damn mess"), hence the name.

Readers' Choice

What is your ideal topping?

We asked Twitter: There's cheese curds and gravy, but what extra ingredients would you add to poutine to make it spectacular?

- @Metrick_System: Shawarma poutine?
- @bertiec1: BACON.
- @Roxxanao: salsa, guacamole and sour cream! Mmm #TexMex #poutine
- @_Shereen: Hot sauce #poutine
- @AdamWeitner: anything more just ruins it in my opinion. More is not always better!
- @chinxman Of course... Bacon!

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On the web

Scan this code or visit metronews.ca/food for a Lobster Poutine recipe from Chef Matt Dean Pettit

Liquid Assets

Drinking the red & white

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Oh, Canada, I remember a day when your wine looked like 50 shades of varnish and tasted almost as bad. We should all be happy that times have changed.

Canada Day is an excellent opportunity to drink to the flag and with family being such a big part of a long weekend, I can't think of a better place to start than Sibling Rivalry from Ontario's Henry of Pelham.

The 2010 VQA Red ($13.95 - $15.99) is a soothing blend of merlot, cabernet franc and cabernet sauvignon with plump berry fruit and upfront oak that's made for grilled meats. Meanwhile, the 2010 VQA White ($13.95 - $15.99) is a hip mix of riesling, chardonnay and gewürztraminer that's a sexy, seafood friendly combo of citrus and flowing aromatics.

PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

Smokehouse. Neinstein's version boasts chicken

1. Place cut potatoes in bowl and let water run over them for 10 mins. In the meantime, preheat oil to 350 F using candy thermometre. Preheat oven on broiler function.

2. Strain fries and pat dry. Fry potatoes in two batches 4 minutes at a time. Let the oil heat up between batches. Place fries on paper towel to cool.

3. While fries are cooling, follow demi-glace instructions to make gravy and add a tablespoon of chopped thyme to finished product.

4. Pull meat from chicken, discarding the skin.

5. Fry potatoes second time, also in two batches, at 360 F until golden brown, about 3 to 4 minutes. Place fries on paper towel to cool, season liberally with salt and paprika.

6. Place fries in heat-proof dish, sprinkle pulled chicken, then dot with cheese curds and place in oven 3 minutes, watching that it does not burn. Remove from oven and top with gravy.

RECIPE COURTESY OF DAVID NEINSTEIN

Ingredients

- 2 russet potatoes, cleaned and cut into 3/8 inch sticks
- 3 litres vegetable oil
- Package powdered demi-glace
- Thyme, salt and paprika, to taste
- 2 smoked chicken thighs
- 8 oz package cheese curds

Pynn's stuffed vision

1. Sauté onion and celery in the butter until soft. Mix with other stuffing ingredients and stuff a chicken. Roast chicken for 35-45 mins. at 325 F.

2. After letting cool and stripping chicken of meat, roast bones at 425 F until well browned, approximately 30 mins. Turn heat down to 325 F and add garlic, celery, onion and herbs and cook for 15 mins.

3. In a sauce pot melt butter and add flour, stirring the whole while over a low heat. Slowly add 1 1/2 litres of stock and continue to stir. Add all remaining ingredients (but pepper, vinegar, curds and fries) and contents of roasting pan.

4. Bring to a simmer and cook for 20 min or until desired consistency is reached. Thin with remaining stock if required. Add cracked pepper and splash sherry vinegar.

5. When ready to dress poutine, crisp some stuffing in a non-stick pan. Then, add fries, cheese curds, stuffing and piping hot gravy in stainless steel bowl that will allow curds to melt with gravy. Top off with more stuffing.

RECIPE COURTESY OF STEPHEN PYNN

Stephen Pynn. SUBMITTED

Ingredients

Stuffing
- 1/4 cup each diced onion and celery
- 1/3 cup diced butter
- 1 egg
- 3 cups bread crumbs
- 1 - 1 1/2 tsp dried savory
- salt and pepper to taste
- whole chicken

Gravy
- Chicken bones from chicken (including skin and wing tips)
- 1/4 cup sliced celery
- 1/2 a head of garlic
- 1/4 cup sliced onion
- 5 sprigs thyme
- 2 sprigs rosemary
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tbsp black peppercorns
- 1/2 lb butter
- 1/2 lb flour
- 2 litres chicken stock
- Cracked black pepper
- Splash sherry vinegar
- Cheese curds
- French fries

NHL

Salary cap inflates to $70.2M US

The NHL salary cap is going up, allowing teams to spend about $6 million US more on players this season.

Before opening labour talks, the league and the NHL Players' Association announced the cap has been set at $70.2 million. That's a significant jump from last year's cap of $64.3 million.

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NHL

Kings locking up Quick for 10 years

Jonathan Quick agreed to a 10-year contract extension on Thursday with the Los Angeles Kings, who locked up their playoff MVP goalie through the 2022-23 season.

Quick won the Conn Smythe Trophy while leading Los Angeles to its first Stanley Cup championship earlier this month. He can't sign the contract until Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Athletics

Zelinka, Theisen going to London

Jessica Zelinka is heading to the London Olympics on the heels of a Canadian-record performance.

The 30-year-old from London, Ont., broke her own national heptathlon record Thursday en route to winning the Canadian Olympic track-and-field trials for her seventh national title.

Brianne Theisen of Humboldt, Sask., who won her third NCAA heptathlon title earlier this month, was second with 6393 points.

Theisen also cemented her spot for the London Games with the top-three finish.

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Time to kick off

CFL EXTRA POINTS
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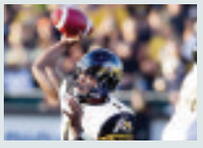
A tumultuous CFL off-season is over and a historic campaign is about to kick off. Let's take a quick look at how the teams stack up in the chase for the 100th Grey Cup championship Nov. 25 in Toronto. PHOTOS: THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto Argos

The addition of QB Ricky Ray is supposed to spark the Double Blue to a hometown Grey Cup.

Under the guidance of new head coach Scott Milanovich, the former Montreal offensive co-ordinator, the Argos offence should be better than in recent years. The addition of former Calgary defensive co-ordinator Chris Jones, whose pressure schemes were legendary in Cowtown, will make Toronto's defence tougher to attack.



Hamilton Tiger-Cats

The addition of QB Henry Burris, reunited with head coach George Cortez, made Steeltown headlines in the off-season. The signing of SB Andy Fantuz to a fleet-footed receiving corps suggests the Tabbies could contend for the cup. The Cats have question marks on defence, but may have enough talent to earn a ticket to Toronto in November.

Winnipeg Blue Bombers

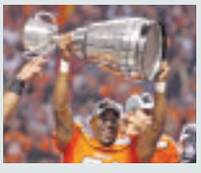
The team with the longest Grey Cup drought faltered in the big game last November, the final clash for DT Doug Brown, who retired and now wears makeup on TSN.

The Bombers might be the deepest team at QB this season with Buck Pierce, Alex Brink and Joey Elliot. Construction delays with their new stadium forces the Bombers to start the season with four road games. They could find themselves in an early hole.

Montreal Alouettes

The Als' defence was crushed in the East final last fall, forcing significant changes in the offseason.

Montreal brought in new D co-ordinator Jeff Reinebold, who will likely implement a 3-4 defence. QB Anthony Calvillo, who enters his 19th CFL season and turns 40 this year, will again have to answer doubters who feel his career is coming to an end.



B.C. Lions

Defending Grey Cup champs lost head coach Wally Buono to the front office in the off-season, but replacement Mike Benevides should make a smooth transition filling the legend's shoes.

The Lions also lost defensive mainstays DL Brent Johnson, CB Davis Sanchez, LB Solomon Elimimian and DT Aaron Hunt. The champs are unlikely to repeat.

Calgary Stampeders

The Stamps experienced significant upheaval over the winter, choosing to make major changes to the roster in an effort to get younger and quicker.

The Stamps dealt former CFL most-outstanding player QB Henry Burris, and released both RB Joffrey Reynolds and WR Ken-Yon Rambo. Key will be the emergence of new starting pivot Drew Tate, who assumed the No. 1 role late last season.

Edmonton Eskimos

Fans are fuming over the trade of QB Ricky Ray to Toronto, and it won't take long to find out whether well-travelled pivot Steven Jyles can find a home in Edmonton.

The move opened up cap space for the Esks, but that doesn't matter if Jyles falls on his face wearing Green and Gold. Edmonton fans have always had great expectations, but little patience.

Saskatchewan Roughriders

After just five wins last season, the Riders not only brought in new head coach Corey Chamblin but also gutted much of their 2011 roster.

Now Chamblin has to hope QB Darian Durant, whose numbers slipped last season, can regain his form behind an improved O-line and the return of trustworthy WR Rob Bagg.

Fantuz eager to play his old team

Saskatchewan Roughriders head coach Corey Chamblin.
DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

CFL. Roughriders start a new season Friday in Hamilton

Andy Fantuz can't wait to play against the CFL team he called his own for six years.

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats receiver kicks off the regular season with his new team against the Saskatchewan Roughriders, the team he left in the off-season.

Fantuz said he isn't feeling nervous about the encounter, only anticipation about starting the season.

"It's mostly excitement," he said about the game at Ivor Wynne Stadium at which he's expecting at least 150 of his own personal friends and family to attend.

Saskatchewan's rookie head coach Corey Chamblin — who was the Ticats' defensive co-ordinator last year — said Fantuz may be a great receiver, but the Roughriders will be focused on Burris.

"Right now, the key to their offence is going to be Henry Burris," said Chamblin. "He's a dual threat like Darian (Durant, the Roughriders' starting pivot) in that he can throw the ball and he can run. So you really want to get to the quarterback and we have some (defensive ends) that can cover."

That includes Odell Willis, a defensive end who was acquired from Winnipeg and was tied for the league lead last year with 13 sacks.

Saskatchewan begins the season much like the Ticats, looking to turn the ship around after a 5-13 record last year. Chamblin is careful to say that he is building a team, not rebuilding seeing as he wasn't around last year.

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Cycling

"I was unsettled by the story, but when I read it in the paper ... I realized there was nothing in it."

Europcar manager Jean-Rene Bernaudeau, who said he is stunned by the doping investigation opened by French prosecutors into allegations of improper use of a controlled corticoid by his riders during last year's Tour de France. This year's Tour begins Saturday.

"My team has always been committed to protect the health of its riders."

Jean-Rene Bernaudeau

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On the web

After Middleweight title-holder Anderson Silva promised to break his challenger's legs, the UFC was quick to respond — with a press release to make sure everyone was aware of the outburst. Scan the code for the story.

NHL. Crosby to ink $104.4M, 12-year extension with Pens

Sidney Crosby GETTY IMAGES FILE

Sidney Crosby's superstitious nature and desire to win another Stanley Cup appear to have worked in favour of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

While the $104.4-million US, 12-year contract extension he agreed to on Thursday is clearly a massive haul, the NHL's most recognizable player could certainly have fetched more. Consider that the new deal will carry the exact same $8.7-million annual cap hit as his current one.

It didn't end up being a tough set of negotiations for Penguins general manager Ray Shero and agent Pat Brisson of CAA Sports.

"He just came back after he talked to Pat, near the end here, and just said, 'This (salary) is really what I want to help out with the team,'" Shero said on a conference call. "We certainly appreciate and ownership appreciates that. It's very beneficial and says a lot about Crosby."

Born Aug. 7, 1987 — 8/7/87 — Crosby has long been drawn to those numbers. He's the only NHL player who wears No. 87 on his sweater and if he plays through the end of the extension, he will have enjoyed 17 seasons with an $8.7-million salary cap hit.

Brisson acknowledged Thursday that the contract was structured to pay more in the front portion and Crosby would be 37 when it expires.

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"Sidney wanted to be a Penguin forever."

Pat Brisson, Sidney Crosby's agent

NBA. Kentucky Wildcats go 1-2 on draft night

Kentucky kicked things off going 1-2 at the NBA draft.

After the New Orleans Hornets selected Kentucky forward Anthony Davis with the No. 1 pick Thursday, Charlotte followed by taking fellow freshman Michael Kidd-Gilchrist.

Davis will begin his pro career in the same city where he ended it with a national title. College basketball's player of the year as a freshman was the most outstanding player of the Final Four. The six-foot-10 Davis averaged 14.2 points, 10.4 rebounds and 4.7 blocks, becoming a dominant defender after growing seven inches from the start of his junior year of high school.

The pick of Kidd-Gilchrist was loudly cheered, a sharp contrast from the boos commissioner David Stern received when coming out to announce the picks.

Florida's Bradley Beal went third to Washington, making it three SEC freshman in the first three picks. Cleveland followed with the surprisingly early pick of Syracuse sixth man Dion Waiters at No. 4

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Raptors draft guard

With the eighth pick in the draft, the Toronto Raptors selected guard Terrence Ross out of the University of Washington.

Wimbledon

Raonic waits to play another day

Milos Raonic will once again have to wait to complete at match at Wimbledon.

Raonic and American Sam Querrey had their second-round match postponed by darkness.

The 21st-ranked Thornhill, Ont., native had split the first two sets with Querrey and was tied 3-3 in the third before officials called the match.

The pair will resume play Friday with the score at 7-6 (7-3), 6-7 (7-9), 3-3.

Raonic has now had two matches delayed after his first-round appearances was stretched through a night for rain and darkness.

Earlier in the day, Canadian Aleksandra Wozniak dropped a 6-4, 6-2 tilt to China's Zheng Jie, her third second-round exit in her past five appearances at Wimbledon.

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Germany's Marco Reus stands dejected after a 2-1 semifinal loss to Italy in Warsaw, Poland, on Thursday. GREGORIO BORGIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Italy plays spoiler for Germany again

Euro 2012. Balotelli tallies a pair of goals for the right to play Spain for championship

Mario Balotelli finally showed some quality finishing, scoring twice in the first half Thursday to give Italy a 2-1 win over Germany and an unexpected spot in the European Championship final.

Extending its winless streak against Italy in major tournaments to eight matches, Germany had no answer for Balotelli nor Antonio Cassano's creativity.

In the 20th minute, Balotelli had no trouble getting past Holger Badstuber to head in a pinpoint cross from Cassano. Then in the 36th, the 21-year-old striker received the ball behind the defence and blasted a long shot into the top right corner.

While he did score against Ireland, Balotelli was criticized for wasting numerous chances against Spain, Croatia and England.

"This is the greatest night of my life, but I hope Sunday is going to be even better," said Balotelli, who went over to his mother after the match and dedicated the goals to her.

Three in a row

Spain is just one victory away from making history by winning its third straight major tournament and securing its reputation as perhaps the greatest national side ever.

"In the opening matches I had a lot of chances, and I wasn't able to finish them. But In football you also need luck."

Germany failed to trouble Italy for much of the match, but Mesut Ozil scored a consolation penalty in injury time after Federico Balzaretti was whistled for a handball.

Germany had entered the game on a world record 15-match winning streak in competitive matches.

"It's a very bitter defeat," Germany captain Philipp Lahm said. "We tried everything in the second half but our goal came too late. We have so much potential in our team but if we cannot give the right performance at the right time or are not clever enough, then we lose such a game."

Italy will face defending champion Spain in Sunday's final in Kyiv, Ukraine — a rematch of their 1-1 draw that opened Group C.

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Rafael Nadal GETTY IMAGES FILE

Nadal upset in 2nd round

Chasing a drop shot in the second set, Rafael Nadal stumbled and tumbled into the net as his racket went flying to the sideline.

It just wasn't his day. Nadal rose slowly to cheers from the Wimbledon crowd but found himself off balance the rest of the way and made his earliest Grand Slam exit since 2005.

Nadal was overpowered in the second round Thursday by Lukas Rosol, a Czech ranked No. 100, 6-7 (9), 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

The 26-year-old Rosol earned the biggest win of his career playing in Wimbledon's main draw for the first time. He lost each of the past five years in the first round of qualifying.

Nadal entered the day with 583 career match wins, and Rosol 19. Nadal owns 50 titles, Rosol zero. In 178 prior Grand Slam matches, Nadal never had lost to a foe ranked 70th or worse.

Nadal won a record seventh French Open championship this month and was bidding for his third title at Wimbledon, where he was runner-up last year to Novak Djokovic.

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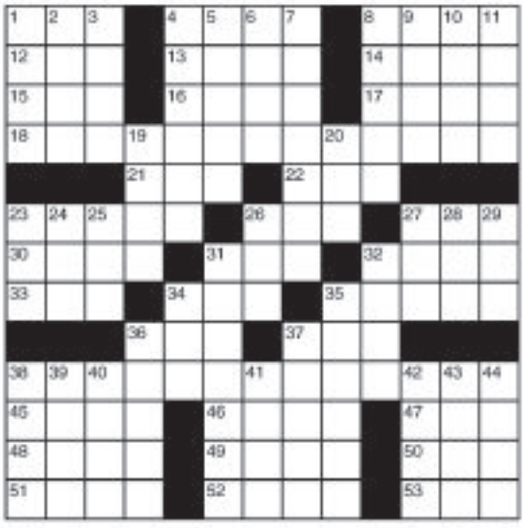

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Yesterday's Sudoku

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE CARPENTER DIDN'T PUT ENOUGH STAMPS ON THE PACKAGE, SO IT GOT MARKED "RETURN TO SANDER."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals P

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Being a can-do Aries, you always believe that nothing is beyond you but don't fall into the trap of thinking that success will come easy.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. This may be a difficult 24 hours for you but you can make things easier for yourself by not thinking and acting as if you are a victim.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Times are good and about to get even better, and those who say otherwise are either too short-sighted to see the truth or enjoy talking you down.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. The Sun in your sign at odds with Pluto today means you're going to have to choose between two vastly different options. Choose the one with which you're most comfortable.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. There may be times you don't take life too seriously but today even the smallest issue will be expanded in your eyes to world-shattering importance.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You may be a stickler for the rules but today take whatever shortcuts you can to get from where you are to where you need to be.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You will have to trust someone's judgment and let them take the lead role in whatever task you are jointly involved. Don't try to offer advice — just watch closely and learn.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Can you change the habits of a lifetime? You'll find out today as Pluto, your ruler, is opposed by the Sun, forcing you to adapt to situations you know little if anything about.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Be assertive today and make sure you get what you believe you deserve. If it results in a fight, well, that's how it is sometimes.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Make sure you are on top of the facts today because if you are not, you may make a serious error. However, once you do have all the facts, make your decision and stick with it.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. This may be an exciting time for you but today's Sun-Pluto link urges you not to take risks that can, with a bit of foresight, be easily avoided.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. The Sun in Cancer boosts your self-belief but you need to tread carefully, especially when dealing with people whose outlook on life is very different to your own. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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